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SUMMARY: RGSVN INFORMED GOJ AMBASSADOR JUNE 9 THAT ENVOYS TO FORMER GVN ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE TO NEW REGIME. FONOFF HOPES RECALL OF AMB HITOMI AND NAMING OF NEW AMBASSADOR WILL PERMIT "NORMALIZATION" OF RELATIONS WITH SAIGON'S NEW GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING MEETING JUNE 9 WITH RGSVN OFFICIAL NGUYEN NHU DOI IN SAI-
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GON, JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HITOMI WAS TOLD ENVOYS ACCREDITED TO FORMER GVN WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTABLE TO NEW REGIME. FONOFF FIRST SE ASIA DEP DIR TSUKADA TOLD EMBASSY JUNE 10 DOI CLARIFIED RGSVN'S ATTITUDE TOWARD DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES AS FOLLOWS:

A) PRG DID NOT RECOGNIZE AMBASSADORS, CONGENS OR CHARGES ACCREDITED TO FORMER GVN.

B) RGSVN RECOGNIZES PRESENCE OF EMBASSIES, SUCH AS JAPAN'S.

C) DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WOULD BE NORMALIZED WHEN JAPAN AND OTHER COUNTRIES SENT NEW AMBASSADORS, WHOSE CREDENTIALS WERE APPROVED BY RGSVN.

2. ALTHOUGH PRESS REPORTED THAT RGSVN DEMANDED AMB HITOMI'S OUSTER, TSUKADA SAID TONE OF JUNE 9 MEETING WAS CORDIAL AND DOI (CHIEF OF CONSULAR SECTION FONOFF AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE SAIGON-GIA-DINH MIL. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE) HAD SIMPLY STATED GENERAL PROPOSITION REGARDING SVN'S DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. FONOFF REGARDS SIGNS AS PROPITIOUS FOR RE-ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SVN. GOJ PLANS TO RECALL HITOMI AND NAME NEW ENVOY AND CURRENTLY ASSUMES THAT RELATIONS WILL THEREBY BE "NORMALIZED".

3. COMMENT: IMMEDIATE CONCERN ON PART OF GOJ IS PROTECTION OF LIVES, PROPERTY AND INVESTMENT IN SVN OF JAPANESE NATIONS. ALTHOUGH NOT SANGUINE ABOUT LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF MODERATE REGIME IN SVN, GOJ HOPES MAINTENANCE OF ITS PRESENCE IN SVN FROM BEGINNING CAN IN LONGER RUN HELP SUSTAIN JAPAN AND NON-COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN WHATEVER REGIME FINALLY ASSUMES CONTROL IN SVN.
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